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## JULY IS PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

This Park and Recreation Month, we are bringing attention to how important it is to rise up and support parks and recreation because every day, parks and recreation professionals rise up for their communities in service of equity, climate-readiness, and overall health and wellbeing.

The services that park and recreation professionals provide are vital for our communities — from protecting open space and natural resources to helping fight obesity and providing activities and resources for all people. This has been especially true throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Parks and Recreation Month encourages everyone to reflect on the exponential value park and recreation professionals bring to communities.

## #RiseUpJuly

According to NRPA's 2021 Engagement with Parks Report, people place a high value on the programs and services that park and recreation agencies deliver to their local communities every day and strongly support their mission.

- o 260 million people in the United States visited a local park or recreation facility at least once during the past year.
- o More than seven in 10 U.S. residents have at least one local park, playground, open space, or recreation center within walking distance of their homes
- o Four in five U.S. adults seek high-quality parks and recreation when choosing a place to live
- o 87 percent of people agree that parks and recreation is an important service provided by their local government
- o Nearly nine in 10 people agree that it is important to fund local park and recreation agencies to ensure every member of the community has equitable access to amenities, infrastructure and programming

## THIS IS WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO!

Your Parks and Recreation Department would like to exhibit the ways we dependably serve our community throughout the year while we Rise Up to celebrate this City we love during the month of July.



Junior Angler | Jimmy Burke Activity Center July 6 | 10AM

Learn basic fishing skills with us at the Jimmy Burke Center. This class is FREE for those 6 & Up

Game Room Socials | Community Center July 6 | 4pm Join us in the Community Center Game Room for a FREE Super Smash Brothers Party





Concert in The Park | Dow Park July 14, July 21 & July 28 | 7PM Join us in Dow Park on Thursdays this July for our FREE Concert Series.

Mayor Jerry Mouton will read and present a proclamation, declaring July 2022 as Park & Recreation Month in the City of Deer Park at the July 19th City Council Meeting.

THIS INFORMATION WILL BE SHARED ON SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS AND LISTED ON THE DEPARTMENT WEBSITE.





